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School Meal Price Increase

Dear Parents/Carers

We have received notification from Dolce, our school meal provider, informing us that they will be increasing the cost of school meals due to rising inflation and increases to the National Living Wage. They have assured us that they will continue to work on their menus and recipes and change where appropriate in order to keep our prices as low as they can.

The new cost, that will take place from **1st April 2023**, will be **£2.55** per meal. To help Dolce keep the above price increases as low as we are proposing, they will be making two further changes. Firstly, their direct debit facility will be reviewed this year. They have experienced a high volume of uncollected direct debit income recently which, in this economic climate particularly, places unnecessary strain on your school meal service.

Secondly, they currently allow a pupil's account to fall into debt by five meals. This will be reduced to three meals from 1st April, 2023. To reduce the risk, they are experiencing in increasing unpaid debt,

We trust you understand the need for these changes but should you have any further questions on these or the price increases then please do not hesitate to the Dolce customer care team on 01942 707709 or email customercare@dolce.co.uk

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Brown

Headteacher



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